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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion for the State of Nevada (Nevada)

Dear Mr. Caan:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides Nevada with the Bureau of Reclamation's determination regarding Nevada's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011.

Nevada is entitled to divert a quantity of Colorado River water sufficient to satisfy a consumptive use of 300,000 acre-feet; plus any surplus water determined to be available by the Secretary of the Interior. Nevada's diversion right is shared between (1) entitlement holders whose right to divert and consume Colorado River water existed prior to the formation of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) in 1991, and (2) SNWA and its purveyor members in accordance with the entitlements established in the SNWA contract and its subcontracts with purveyor members.

Nevada has indicated its intention to consume its entire 300,000 acre-feet apportionment. SNWA has also indicated that it will create up to 44,000 acre-feet of Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) in 2011 and will store the full amount created in Lake Mead, less the one-time system assessment.

Based upon the review of factors related to the diversion estimate provided by Nevada, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 515,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use by Nevada's water entitlement holders for 2011. This approval is conditioned on Nevada's total consumptive use not exceeding 300,000 acre-feet for calendar year 2011. Should Nevada need to take delivery of ICS during 2011, Nevada is required to submit to Reclamation a revised diversion request indicating the amount of ICS it will take.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011 in an effort to ensure that the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2011, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: [www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast11.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast11.pdf). It is expected that Nevada's entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for submitting Nevada's diversion estimates for 2011. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,  
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